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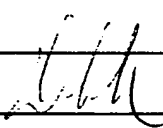
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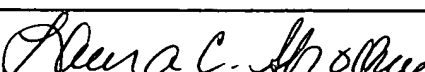
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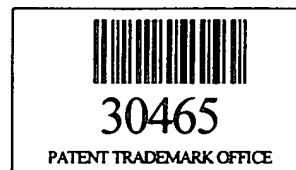
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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Applicant/Patent Owner: William A. Ahroon

Application No./Patent No.: 10/025,045 Filed/Issue Date: 12/18/01

Entitled: DETERMINING SPEECH RECEPTION THRESHOLD

U.S. Army Medical Research
and Materiel Command

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a

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7 February 2002
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, William A. Ahroon (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR), having a mailing address of P.O. Box 310610, Enterprise, Alabama 36331-0610 am the sole inventor of an invention entitled "DETERMINING SPEECH RECEPTION THRESHOLD," as described and claimed in the specification forming part of an application for United States letters patent executed herewith;

WHEREAS, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE), having a place of business at Fort Rucker, Alabama 36362, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and in and to any letters patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto said ASSIGNEE, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application and any and all letters patent which may be granted for said invention in the United States of America and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries, and in any and all divisions, reissues and continuations thereof, including the right to file foreign applications directly in the name of ASSIGNEE and to claim priority rights deriving from said United States application to which said foreign applications are entitled by virtue of international convention, treaty or otherwise, said invention, application and all letters patent on said invention to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE and its successors and assigns for their use and benefit and of its successors and assigns as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by ASSIGNOR had this assignment, transfer and sale not been made. ASSIGNOR hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all letters patent on said invention to ASSIGNEE. ASSIGNOR agrees to execute all instruments and documents required for the making and prosecution of applications for United States and foreign letters patent on said invention, for litigation regarding said letters patent, or for the purpose of protecting title to said invention or letters patent therefor.

14 Dec 2001

Date

William A. Ahroon

William A. Ahroon

State of Alabama)

) ss.

County of Coffee)

I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that William A. Ahroon is the person who appeared before me, and said person acknowledged that he signed this instrument and acknowledged it to be his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.

Dated 14 December 2001Signature of
Notary Public

Printed Name

My appointment expires